

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2011
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), M. Beal, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, B. Ryan
Members absent: G. Lewis, P. Plante, B. Pociask
Alternates present: F. Loxsom, K. Rawn, V. Ward
Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He appointed alternates Ward, Rawn and Loxsom to act in members' absence.

Minutes:

5-2-11 – Hall MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 5-2-11 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Loxsom and Ward who disqualified themselves.

5-17-11 Field Trip- Ward MOVED, Goodwin seconded, to approve the 5-17-11 field trip minutes with the correction of members present. MOTION PASSED with Rawn, Goodwin, Favretti, Holt and Ward in favor and all others disqualified.

Communications:

The 5-17-11 Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report and the 5-18-11 Conservation Commission Draft minutes were noted.

Old Business:

W1477 - Walker - Riverview Rd - Solar Energy Installation within 75' of river

Ryan disqualified herself. Holt MOVED, Ward seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Harriet & Crayton Walker (file no. W1477), for installation of a photovoltaic system on property owned by the applicants located at 65 Riverview Road, as shown on a map dated 4/22/11, and as described in other application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned upon the following provision being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until June 6, 2016), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Ryan who disqualified herself.

New Business:

Algonquin Gas Line - Route 89 - installation of ground cable along pipeline

By consensus the Agency agreed to authorize the Chairman to send the applicant a letter stating the Agency has no objections to the cathodic protection work on Route 89.

W1479 - Bemont - Stafford Rd - garage building & small connector between existing buildings

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Stephen H. Bemont (IWA File #1479) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a living space addition/connection between the existing house and garage and a new garage, located at 787 Stafford Road, on

property owned by the applicant, as shown on a map dated 5/2/11 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1480 - St.Martin - Storrs Rd - new house, portions in 150' regulated area

Holt disqualified herself. Goodwin MOVED, Hall seconded, to receive the application the application submitted by William St. Martin (IWA File #1480) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the construction of a single family residence, well, septic and associated site work, located on the west side of Storrs Road about 500 feet north of Dodd Road, on property owned by Barry & Dru Burnham, as shown on a map dated 5/11/11 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Holt who disqualified herself.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

A field trip was scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Other Communications and Bills:

Noted.

Continued Public Hearing:

W1474 - Plimpton - Wormwood Hill/Gurleyville Rds - 4 lot subdivision

Chairman Favretti opened the continued Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. Members present were Favretti, Beal, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Ryan and alternates Loxsom, Rawn and Ward, who were all appointed to act. Meitzler noted in addition to revised plans dated 5/24/11, the following communications were received and distributed to the Commission: a 5/2/11 email from K. Kaminsky; a 5/3/11 letter with photos from C. Gottman; and 6/1/11 report from the Wetlands Agent.

Douglas Bonoff, Land Surveyor; Paul Biscutti, Engineer; and Kim Bradley, Ecologist, were present representing the applicant. Bonoff agreed that the testimony presented at the IWA hearing be entered into the record of the related Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing.

P. Biscutti reviewed the changes made to the plans based on previous public hearing comments and reports from staff and the public. He agrees with all recommendations in Meitzler and Padick's memos. He suggested that any remaining issues could be addressed in an approval motion.

C. Gottman, 580 Gurleyville Road, expressed continued concerns for run off from the driveway and the position of the driveway around the large rock.

The consensus of the Agency was that written assurance, from neighbor Potz, was necessary regarding permission for a drainage easement across that neighbor's property.

Noting no further questions or comments, Holt MOVED, Rawn seconded, to continue the public hearing until 7/5/11. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Bonoff stated that on behalf of Mr. Plimpton, he grants a 35-day extension and will request Mr. Plimpton to do so in writing as soon as possible.

Adjournment:

Favretti declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary